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- ☒ 2. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
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X, Y	X: 1, 2, 7 and, 8 Y: 5, 6 and, 9	US 4040767 A	(United Technologies) Fig. 2 noting platform cavity 38 cooling pressure and suction walls through apertures 44 and exhausting to the vane cavity 28 through aperture 42. Also platform film cooling through apertures 36.
Y	Y: 5, 6 and 9	JP 110257003 A	(Mitsubishi) Figs. 2, 3 and 4 noting shroud cavity partitioned into two cavities using impingement plates. Appears to be fluid communication with blade.
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A		US 6254333 B1	(United Technologies) fig. 5 noting suction side opening 82s and pressure side opening 82p to plenum 76 also in fluid communication with opening 152
A		US 6508620 B2	(Pratt and Whitney) Fig. 1 noting plenum 7 in fluid communication with blade passage 11 through aperture 20 and with inner platform wall 6, through impingement plate holes 16 and exhausting air vents 17
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